



Howard Planning and Zoning Minutes



MINUTES HOWARD COUNTY VARIANCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT February, 19, 2014

A meeting of the Howard County Variance Board of Adjustment was convened in open and public session on the 19th day of February, 2014 in the Assembly Room of the Howard County Courthouse, St. Paul, Nebraska.

Chairman Mike Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll call showed 5 members present: Fred Meyer, Clare Kurz, Mike Nelson, Gary Craig, and Terry Spilinek. Those absent were Janet Thomsen. Chairman Nelson stated there was a quorum of members present and the meeting would commence. Also present were Franz Trumler, Howard County Zoning Administrator and Cherri Klinginsmith, Acting Secretary.

Zoning Administrator, Trumler read the notice of the public meeting. An Affidavit was presented from the Phonograph-Herald dated the 5th day of February 2014 that this notice was published 10 days prior to the meeting. A proof of publication is filed in the Howard County Clerks office. Meeting notices and the agenda were mailed to each of the board members prior to the meeting.

The minutes from the October 16, 2013 meeting were approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

The purpose of this meeting was reorganization. A motion was made by Fred Meyer and 2nd by Clare Kurz to nominate Mike Nelson as Chairman. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Terry Spilinek and 2nd by Clare Kurz to nominate Fred Meyer as Vice Chairman. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Terry Spilinek and 2nd by Fred Meyer to nominate Gary Craig Secretary. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

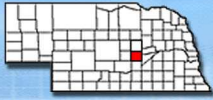
The Board of Adjustment officers will be the following for 2014 year:

Chairman – Mike Nelson	Reappointed for 2014-2016
Vice Chairman – Fred Meyer	Mike Nelson
Secretary – Gary Craig	

Chairman Nelson asked if there was any other business. Administrator Trumler informed the board of his retirement and welcomed Cherri Klinginsmith as his replacement. He thanked the board for all their years of service.

Administrator Trumler also mentioned to the board the recommendation of the County Attorney on our most recent meeting regarding Mr. Jeff Mueller. He suggested next time the proper process is that an applicant should be denied by the Zoning Board, and Commissioners before coming to Variance Board. The Variance Board discussed the issue, and felt this situation was handled correctly. They agreed there are some cases where the Zoning Board & Commissioners will deny and the applicant will request a Variance meeting. However, in this situation, the request was against the Zoning Regulations and the Zoning Board would have had no choice but to deny the application. The County Attorney was not present and discussion ended.

Next Administrator Trumler informed the board of the NRD newsletter “In the Loup” regarding Commercial Animal Feeding Operations with pits to be allowed to pump out of their pits onto non-irrigated acres of up to 3



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inches per year. We confirmed with Leon “Butch” Koehlmoos from the NRD office that this would only be allowed on account of too much rainfall.

Administrator Trumler also informed the board of the Commissioners meeting March 11th 2014, where they will be discussing LB 550, Livestock Friendly. Administrator Trumler informed the Variance Board that our current regulations are farm friendly. We protect the resident and farmer as best we can. By becoming a livestock friendly designation county, most of our regulations would be overruled by the state. The bill proposes to give grants for roads and bridges for communities that adopt livestock friendly designation, however it does not apply to the current feeding operations that are in place.

A motion was made by Fred Meyer and 2nd by Gary Craig to adjourn. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Cherri Klinginsmith, Acting Secretary